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SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM FROM CAMBODIANS

1. THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA MAY ENGENDER REQUESTS FOR
ASYLUM FROM CAMBODIANS AT YOUR POSTS. THE FOLLOWING GUIDE-
LINES WILL HELP THE POSTS IN COPING WITH THESE POSSIBLE
REQUESTS:

2. CAMBODIANS: THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA PRECLUDES THE
RETURN TO THAT COUNTRY OF CAMBODIANS WHO MAY FACE DEATH OR
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PERSECUTION AT THE HANDS OF A COMMUNIST GOVERNMENT BECAUSE
OF THEIR ASSOCIATION WITH THE U.S. OR THE GOVERNMENT OF

CAMBODIA. THE DEPARTMENT IS SOLICITING THE HELP OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) AND/OR TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE U.S. FOR CAMBODIANS WHO ARE UNABLE TO RETURN TO CAMBODIA. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN BY THE U.S.G. TO ADMISSION TO THE U.S. OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO ARE UNABLE TO ENTER AS IMMIGRANTS. HOWEVER, THIS PROCESS IS NOT YET COMPLETED. IF YOU ARE APPROACHED BY CAMBODIANS, YOU SHOULD ASCERTAIN WHETHER (A) THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN REMAIN TEMPORARILY IN PLACE; (B) WHAT THE CHANCES ARE THAT THEY CAN RESETTLE IN THE COUNTRY IN WHICH THEY ARE NOW LOCATED OR A COUNTRY OTHER THAN THE U.S. IF THEY APPEAR IN IMMINENT DANGER OF FORCIBLE RETURN TO CAMBODIA, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED. PLEASE SUPPLY FULL BIOGRAPHIC INFO AS SET FORTH IN 2 FAM 227. ANY AMERICAN CONNECTION (FAMILY, ETC.) SHOULD BE NOTED. POST SHOULD ALSO ENDEAVOR TO ARRANGE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AN EXTENSION OF STAY FOR THESE REFUGEES. IF REFUGEES ARE IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, NOTIFY DEPARTMENT. LIMITED FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR CARE AND MAINTENANCE AND TRANSPORTATION. DO NOT OFFER SUCH ASSISTANCE, HOWEVER. INFORM DEPARTMENT, HOWEVER, OF AMOUNT AND TYPE FINANCIAL HELP REQUIRED. KISSINGER

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